

## SUFFRAGISTS OPEN CAMPAIGN

Week's Session of the National Association Begun at Washington

### WILL SEEK THE AID OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Asked to Urge Congress to Adopt a Woman Suffrage Constitutional Amendment—Equal Rights Rather Than Minimum Wage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A week's campaign by the National American Suffrage association to secure the adoption of a constitutional amendment to enfranchise women was launched yesterday at a mass-meeting here. It was the formal opening of the 45th convention of the association.

An assemblage which packed one of the largest theaters of the city from footlights to gallery, listened for nearly three hours to discussions by conspicuous advocates of the woman movement of various phases of the suffrage cause. Suspended above the drop curtain was a huge yellow banner bearing the legend: "We demand an amendment to the United States constitution enfranchising women."

The association adopted almost unanimously a set of resolutions introduced by Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson, a member of the state senate of Colorado, calling upon President Wilson "in his forthcoming message to Congress to adopt the woman suffrage constitutional amendment as an administrative measure and to urge Congress to take immediate and favorable action upon it," urging the Senate to pass the amendment, and asking the House to create a committee on woman's suffrage. The only protest was voiced by one of the delegates from Louisiana, backed by a small following. The opposing delegates, however, were not even given an opportunity to explain the reasons for their attitude.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, presided over the meeting, and in her brief opening address voiced earnestly the belief that "a deliverance—a speedy deliverance—of women is about to come through the action of the American Congress and through the president of the United States." Introducing Mary Anderson, Margaret Hiney and Rose Winslow, all women industrial workers, Dr. Shaw said: "The right of the people to a voice in their own government is the one point to which we are directing our efforts. We know no politics—no political parties. We stand for no class—for no race, but only for a voice for all the people in their own affairs."

Miss Anderson, a member of the industrial workers of the world, told her experience before the Illinois legislature and maintained that if the women had had votes they could have accomplished much by direct influence. Miss Hiney, a practical laundry worker of New York, discussed particularly the "underpaid and underworked women industrial workers," reciting some of the trials which they were compelled to undergo on account of low wages and bad working conditions.

Miss Winslow ridiculed the establishment of working girls' homes and similar philanthropies. She, too, demanded equality of rights, an equal chance for each girl to establish something for herself at a living wage—not a minimum wage. Mrs. Robinson, the Colorado senator, delivered the principal address in the afternoon, her subject being "Women as legislators." Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held daily until Friday. Plans for submitting the demands of the women to the President and Congress have not been made public, but the suffragists expect to put in a busy week at the capital aside from the routine of association meetings. Hundreds of delegates from all parts of the country are there for the convention.

#### Fear Trouble After Spilling Salt.

In many of the rural districts of Russia people when they spill salt not only toss a pinch over the left shoulder, but also crawl under the table and come out the other side, in order to avert ill-luck; while in New England, to break the evil spell of spilling salt, every particle is supposed to be collected and thrown on the stove to be consumed.

#### Pessimistic.

The best luck any man can have is never to have been born; but that seldom happens to anyone.

#### ATTENTION BUSINESS MEN.

The Brattleboro Daily Reformer will soon publish a new and valuable feature in up-to-date advertising which is meeting with pronounced popularity with business men throughout the country.

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DR. J. A. HOLMES



Dr. Holmes, director of the federal bureau of mines, has just returned from Alaska, where he conducted a searching investigation into the coal deposits.

### LIMERICK IN SHOP EARLY CAMPAIGN

National Consumers' League Has Begun Sending Out Its Appeals to Christmas Shoppers.

Two days before Christmas, calm Kate Started out on her shopping in state. But in all the bustle

She found nothing but trash; Kate, why did you wait till so late?

Miss Folly her shopping did late. Now mark her unfortunate state;

She was worn to a thread And spent Christmas in bed.

Thus shared she the shop-girl's own fate.

Buy your Christmas presents early—only in the day—and do it now. That will be your biggest gift of the holidays to the workers behind the counters and on the delivery wagons.

That is the reminder that comes from the National Consumers' league, which, with its 56 branches in 19 states, grew out of the case of a little cabinet maker than 20 Christmas ago. This little boy spent January in a hospital bed, sick with pneumonia, because he had worked six days from sunup to midnight in foul air and with irregular meals. One day he had neither lunch nor dinner, and this was all because the idea of early Christmas shopping had not been spread over the land. Out of the conference over his case and the lesson it taught grew the National Consumers' league, which, as the Christmas season approaches, is out again coaxing the early shoppers to the stores.

#### SANG FOR OIL KING.

Lotus Male Quartet Brought Tears to Workingmen's Eyes—Here Thursday.

A review of the many criticisms of the performances of the Lotus male quartet, who will sing under the auspices of the young peoples union entertainment committee in the First Baptist church Thursday evening, reveals an interesting note of similitude throughout in regard to their ensemble work. This is the all-important test of quartet singing. Their patrons are unanimous in expressions of pleasure at what they apply term "the even, rich organ tones of the voices." Each member is a finished soloist, yet in the quartet work they merge their individuality into an harmonious whole. The quartet sings every Sunday morning and evening at Tremont Temple, Boston, which is the most important male quartet position in America. They will be accompanied here by a young woman reader of exceptional merit.

The quartet sang this fall in the home of John D. Rockefeller, the oil king, in Cleveland, Ohio. To this parlor musicale were invited the laborers on the Rockefeller estate, and while the hosts to which clung fresh soil from the fields moved restlessly on the carpet, surrounded by rich tapestries and sumptuous furnishings, the quartet stepped forward and sang Rock of Ages, which caused tears to trickle down the sunburned cheeks and the oil magnate's eyes to glisten.

#### WELLINGTON REMANDED.

West Swanzy Man Arraigned on Charge of Incendiarism.

KEENE, N. H., Dec. 1.—Frank P. Wellington of West Swanzy, who was arrested Friday on the charge of setting fire to the West Swanzy box factory, was given a hearing in the district court Saturday before Special Justice Wolfe, found guilty and sent to jail to await the April term of superior court.

A cap and a pipe, identified as those belonging to Wellington, and some bottles were found in the log carrier, in the investigation that followed the fire. Similar bottles were found in Wellington's room. One witness testified to seeing Wellington dodge back of a pile of logs in the mill yard on the night the fire was set.

#### Photographer's Paste.

A paste which will prove permanent is made of ten parts of arrowroot, one hundred parts of water, one part gelatin, ten parts alcohol. Soak the gelatin in the water, add the arrowroot, having been previously mixed with a small quantity of water, and boil four or five minutes. When cool, add the alcohol and a few drops of carbolic acid or oil of cloves.

## DYNAMITE CASES HEARD ON APPEAL

Plea Made For Thirty Union Labor Officials.

### OUT UNDER HEAVY BONDS.

Defendants Ask That Verdicts Rendered in Indianapolis Last December Be Set Aside—Appeal Revives Story of Nation Wide Plot Which Culminated Fatally in Los Angeles.

Another chapter in the nation wide story of the dynamite plots which extended throughout the country and culminated in the fatal explosion in Los Angeles in 1910 was begun when the case of thirty of the convicted men was called before the United States circuit court of appeals in Chicago a few days ago.

Thirty of the thirty-three labor union officials who were adjudged equally guilty with the McNamara brothers in promoting explosions asked that the present court set aside the verdicts rendered at Indianapolis last December and that they be given a new trial. Opposed to them, the federal government asked that the convicted men be sent back to prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to serve out their terms.

A sentence of seven years, the heaviest penalty of all, hangs over Frank M. Ryan, who is out on a \$70,000 bond pending this appeal. He was given the longest term, Judge A. B. Anderson at Indianapolis said, because he was president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, out of whose funds the expenses of the dynamites were paid.

Seven Got Six Years Each.

Six years' imprisonment is the penalty which Olaf A. Tveitmo of San Francisco and each of six others ask to be set aside. Tveitmo is a labor leader prominent on the Pacific coast. He and the six other men were given the second longest terms because they were found guilty of voting to appropriate the union's funds for dynamiting nonunion work or actually aiding John J. and James B. McNamara in explosions on the Pacific coast.

The other prison terms, most of which have been suspended pending the appeal, vary from four years to one year and one day. Three days of the present court were devoted to the hearing of the appeals and the government's opposition.

When the argument was concluded Judges Kohlsaat, Baker and Seaman took the petition under advisement and will render their decision later. It is understood that should the present appeal be adverse to the convicted men it will be carried to the United States supreme court.

Basis of the Appeal.

The basis of the appeal as submitted to the court by Chester B. Krum of St. Louis and Elijah N. Zollner of Chicago, the counsel, was:

That under the federal statutes there is no such crime as the conspiracy of which the men were convicted—viz., conspiracy to violate the law against the interstate shipment of explosives on passenger trains.

That there being no such conspiracy the defendants could not have been guilty as principals in the carrying of explosives by Orrie E. McManigal and the McNamaras.

That the defendants did not have a fair trial.

District Attorney Charles W. Miller of Indiana had charge of the government's case, the brief of which contained more than 700 pages. Among those who are not appealing is Herbert S. Hockin, now serving a six year term at Leavenworth. He was called the lingo of the conspiracy. It was charged that he not only carried dynamite and nitroglycerin in a suit case, but that he gave information to detectives while in the confidence of his co-conspirators. At first he appeared among the defendants at the trial at Indianapolis, but later he was abandoned by his counsel and was kept in jail before the case went to the jury.

#### TESTS SHOW CANAL SAFE.

Panama Locks Have Nothing to Fear From Enemy's Fleet.

Secret tests recently made by the third division of the Atlantic battleship fleet, under command of Rear Admiral Usher, are said to have disclosed the fact that the Panama canal virtually has nothing to fear from the fire of an enemy's fleet so far as the Gatun and other important locks are concerned.

The tests, started last winter, are declared to have developed the fact that the fleet could not determine the location of the Gatun lock.

It also is intimated that the data made public and supposed to give the topography of the canal were purposely inaccurate. In addition, it was discovered that the hills intervening rendered the locks almost immune from damage by bombardment from sea.

Extension of the breakwater on the Atlantic side has made it possible to mount long range guns so far out that the approach of an enemy's fleet could readily be checked. Elaborate plans also for the mining of the approaches to the canal on both the Atlantic and Pacific sides already have been completed.

Scottish fields annually produce about 250,000 tons of fuel oil.

## AT THE Princess THEATRE TODAY Glissaned and Scott

Man and Woman in a Comedy Singing, Talking and Musical Act

### PICTURES

The Monogrammed Cigarette

Pathe's Weekly Review

No. 50

The Green Eye of the Yellow God

From the poem by J. Milton Judges

### Also Selected Reel

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#### Becoming Dress for Thoughts.

The genial essayist of Cambridge, Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Crothers, who has taken the place of the author of the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" as the exponent of the shrewd wisdom of New England, has improved his opportunity to urge upon fellow members of the National Academy of Arts and Letters insistence by them on higher standards of typography in the American press. He would have thoughts go out well dressed, becomingly attired. He sympathizes with an argument to the same effect recently made before the Columbia university school of journalism by the owner and editor of one of the best New England dailies, Samuel Bowles of Springfield.

Such advocacy of such a standard of publicity on its form or dress side is encouraging to all publishers who are busy doing their share in bringing the reform to pass, says the Christian Science Monitor, and a change for the better is discernible, more noticeable perhaps in the field of the monthlies and weeklies than it is in that of the dailies, but nevertheless also to be detected there. Sometimes the motive for change is purely esthetic and arises from the publisher's revolt at conditions no longer to be endured if he is to avoid daily disgust with the aspect of his own property. Oftener it comes along with a rising standard of ethics as to both the sort of news and kind of advertisements to be admitted. The very process of exclusion of certain kinds of advertising of itself rises the standard of some of its worst offenses against taste. Their ejection and the obvious improvement noticeable in "makeup" lead a responsive and sensitive man to other changes and prohibitions. Finally the problem is faced as one affecting the entire paper. The matter of "dress" takes on moral dignity and responds to the dictates of good taste. If necessary, competent technical advisers are called in, and in due time both maker and reader of the periodical have for their satisfying inspection a product of the printer's art that not only is standardized as to content but also as to form.

#### Hospital Has Unknown Benefactor.

A gift of £10,000 from unknown sources was made to one of the great London hospitals a few days ago. The hospital received an anonymous brown-paper parcel, heavily sealed, and giving forth a curious rustling sound when handled. When it was opened out poured a flood of crisp Bank of England notes. The notes, when counted, totaled the handsome sum of £10,000.

#### New Horticultural Idea.

Using mercury vapor lamps in her greenhouse, a Scotch woman horticulturist not only forces seeds to sprout and plants to grow in half the usual time, but also produces greater depth of color in the vegetation.

## PANAMA FELONS HOPE FOR PARDON

Expect Amnesty In Honor of Canal's Completion.

### TWO RECENTLY SET FREE.

Convicts In the Zone Are Set to Work on the Roads and Are Not Badly Treated—Charges of Cruelty Found to Be Greatly Exaggerated—Prison "Movies" and Music.

The pardoning of two Americans confined in the canal zone penitentiary gives rise to the belief that it is the intention of the administration at Washington to grant a general amnesty to canal zone prisoners in honor of the completion of the Panama canal.

The idea of a general amnesty is not based upon official information, but upon the fact that the administration at Washington has chosen to pardon two of the most conspicuous prisoners of canal times. One of these, Frank Houston, was sentenced about six months ago to ten years' imprisonment for a crime committed about a year ago at Gatun.

One day Houston, on returning from work, started to light a fire in the kitchen stove and found there parts of a letter addressed to his wife. He patched them together and discovered that it was a love letter written by a fellow canal worker named Harry Stern. Without waiting to investigate he took down his shotgun, hunted for the man and killed him.

Deprived of Trial by Jury.

Owing to the impossibility of convicting an American of murder in the canal zone after a jury trial the prosecuting attorney charged Houston with murder in the second degree, thus depriving him of a jury trial, for only capital offenses may be tried by jury in the canal zone. The court found him guilty and gave him a ten years' sentence. His attorneys appealed on the ground that he had committed first degree murder or no crime and that he was entitled to a jury trial.

The supreme court of the canal zone confirmed the judgment of the lower court, one of the three justices dissenting. Four days after the supreme court handed down its decision word came from Washington to pardon Houston.

The other prisoner pardoned at the same time was Frank Pison. While in a position of trust as money order clerk at the Cristobal postoffice Pison embezzled money over a period of two years, stealing in each instance a small amount. His victims were men and women whose ignorance made them easy prey—namely, European and negro laborers on the canal who bought money orders to send home and Hindu peddlers who took this means of transmitting money for payment of goods to various merchants in Hindustan.

Pison was convicted and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment and when pardoned had served half of his term.

There are about 150 prisoners in the penitentiary of the canal zone, most of them convicted of crimes less serious than those of Houston and Pison. Due to influence of friends of Houston and Pison the severe regime of the canal zone penitentiary has recently been brought to the attention of the authorities, and a movement has been begun to alleviate the condition of the prisoners.

Meetings are now held every Sunday at the stockade, at which the men hear music and watch moving pictures. Occasionally some important official of the canal force delivers an address.

#### Cruelty Charges Exaggerated.

Charges of cruelty in the discipline of prisoners have been investigated by Richard Lee Metcalfe, a member of the isthmian canal commission, and have been found greatly exaggerated.

The canal zone system is admittedly penal, the idea of correction not entering at all into the scheme. Felons are considered to be in debt to the community, and they are set at work building roads.

Inasmuch as most of the felons are negroes who have been laborers on the canal work, they make very good road builders, and the pleasant highways along the banks of the canal over which tourists speed in automobiles are evidence of this.

They are imprisoned in a stockade near to the work on which they are engaged and at present are at Gamboa, where they are constructing a highway along the east bank of Culebra cut. They are given coarse food, but enough of it, cots to sleep upon, a holiday on Sunday (which is spent, however, in the stockade) and are made to work on the highways ten hours a day.

#### Soldiers' Debt For Jewels.

Bills aggregating \$1,000,000 for jewelry charged against enlisted men of the army have been forwarded to the war department in Washington by a large installment jewelry company on the Pacific coast, with an appeal for Uncle Sam's aid in collecting the indebtedness. The department has declined to act as collector, and the creditor's only resource is to proceed against the individual soldiers. From much more jewelry the soldiers may have paid for is conjectured.

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